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REPLY TO JULY 5, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Examiner:

This Reply is in response to both the final Office Action mailed July 5, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed November 28, 2006. A first reply to the July 5, 2006 Office Action was submitted on November 5, 2006, along with a Petition for a one month extension of time and the appropriate fee, following an interview with the Examiner, but the Reply was not entered. This Reply is being submitted within two months following the three month shortened statutory time period noted in the final Office Action. Accordingly, a Petition for a two month extension of time is included herewith. The fee for the Petition should be calculated as the difference between the fee for a two month extension of time and the fee for a one month extension of time that was previously paid.

Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the Examiner's acknowledgement in the Interview Summary that claims 10 and 17 are allowable over Farley.

This Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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